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EDUCATION

PhD in Diplomacy and Disarmament (November 2020)

- Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) (New Delhi)
- Thesis Title: 'Assessing the Impact of Crises and Norms on Nuclear CBMs: A Study of Nuclear Dyads'. ▪ Awarded in November 2020

M.Phil in Diplomacy and Disarmament (August 2014)

- CIPOD, SIS, JNU
- Dissertation Title: 'Credible Minimum Deterrence and No First Use: A Critical Study of the Evolution of India's Key Nuclear Policy Concepts'.

M.A. in Defence and Strategic Studies (May 2010)

- Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Pune
- Dissertation Title: 'India's Nuclear Policy: Special Reference to Minimum Nuclear Deterrence'

B.A. in Political Science (Special) (May 2008)

- Fergusson College, University of Pune

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate Course, China Capsule 101 (June 2021)

- Asia Slate Initiative, Asian Century Foundation

Diploma in Geopolitics And International Relations (March 2007)

- Deccan Education Society's Jagannath Rathi Vocational Guidance And Training Institute

Advanced Diploma in French Language and Culture (September 2006)

- Level: C1 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, Council of Europe
- Facilitated by the Alliance Française de Paris

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Policy Fellow, Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (APLN) (July 2021-Present)

- Member of APLN Secretariat
- Research and Analyses related to the network's core themes; designing policy interventions Publication planning and production; Programmatic activities
- Funding and sponsorship management

Research Associate to Dr. Happymon Jacob, Associate Professor of Disarmament Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (February 2016-July 2019)

- Research Project: Violent Borders, Ceasefire Agreements and Border Management
- Book Project: Line on Fire: Ceasefire Violations and India-Pakistan Escalation Dynamics, Oxford University Press, 2019
- Researcher and Episode Editor, National Security Conversations with Happymon Jacob, for *The Wire*

Project Coordinator for Indo-Pak Conflict Monitor (IPCM) (February 2017-July 2019)

- Independent research initiative to monitor ceasefire violations, conflict and escalation, between India and Pakistan.
- Digital documentation project: www.indopakconflictmonitor.org

Consultant Coordinator, Chaophraya Track II Dialogue (October 2017-December 2018)

- India and Pakistan-led Track-II dialogue, implemented under the British High Commission's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF).

Seminar Student Coordinator, CIPOD, SIS, JNU (August 2017-April 2018)

- Primary responsibilities: Assisting the faculty in planning and coordinating weekly seminars at the Centre
- Managing logistics and outreach.

Research Officer, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi (January 2011-June 2012)

- Researcher with the Nuclear Security Programme (NSP)
- Major Projects: Understanding India's Doctrine of Credible Minimum Nuclear Deterrence and Building an Indo Pak Nuclear Lexicon (2011-2012); IPCS Task Force on Reviewing India's Nuclear Doctrine and Providing an Alternative Blueprint (2012); Fifth IPCS Trilateral (India-China-Pakistan) Nuclear Strategic Dialogue (2011, Beijing)
- Editor of the Nuclear Security Programme's quarterly publication, 'Nuclear South Asia'.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Faculty, Defence and Strategic Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) (formerly University of Pune) (October 2020-Present)

- Taught courses: Contemporary Issues in Security Policy

Assistant Professor (Contractual), Defence and Strategic Studies, SPPU (October 2019-October 2020)

- Taught courses: Regional Security in South Asia, Contemporary Issues in Security Policy, United Nations System and Global Security, Counter-Terrorism Studies.
- Dissertation supervisor to six post-graduate Masters' students in 2019-2020

Teaching Assistant, CIPOD, SIS, JNU (July 2016-December 2016)

- Tutor for the MPhil course at the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- Course: 'India and Disarmament'

FELLOWSHIPS & NETWORKS

2020-Present: Visiting Fellow, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi

- Contributing author
- Programmatic and project contributions as requested

2021: Founder Member, Emerging Voices Network (January 2021), British-American Security Information Council (BASIC)

- Member, Arms Control Working Group

2015: South Asian Voices Visiting Fellow, South Asia Program, Henry L Stimson Center, Washington DC

- Project: Nuclear Sufficiency and the India-Pakistan Nuclear Deterrence equation
- Publication: Kulkarni, Tanvi and Sikander, Beenish (2015), “How Many Nuclear Weapons Do India and Pakistan Need?” *The National Interest*, 8 May 2015,

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

(Available on Request)

WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

(Available on Request)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (Fluent); Marathi (Fluent); Hindi (Fluent); French (Advance); Indian Sign Language (Beginner)